

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Monday & Friday 8:00 a.m.
Tue., Wed. & Thu. 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
6:45 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
or by request

Baptism

Every Weekend after Mass on request. Baptismal preparation classes are the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the classrooms above the church. Please call the rectory in advance to schedule class attendance and Baptism.

Sponsors

Parishioners need to meet with Msgr. Koons to determine whether they are eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to schedule a wedding. Attendance at diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes is required six months prior to the wedding date, as well as three or four sessions with the priest. Current Baptism and Confirmation certificates are needed for the Catholic parties. In the case of previously existing marriages, a death certificate or declaration of nullity is necessary before another marriage can be considered.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. Please call the rectory to request being included on the homebound Communion list.

Please call the rectory when parishioners are admitted to a local hospital.

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 11/12, 2021

Daily Masses

Sept. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Julius Strongowski	Daughter, Rita, and Family
Sept. 14, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Karen Martnick	Doug and Barbara Greene
Sept. 15, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Patty and Jerry Fabian
Sept. 16, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata, Sr.	Sisters
Sept. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Sept. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny
Sept. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Daughter, Judy
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach requested by Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

Good News!

September 12, 2021
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Is 50:4c–9a; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

Faith or Works? Unfortunately, these two facets of our faith are often pitted against each other. In many of his letters, St. Paul insists on the superiority of faith, while today's reading from St. James underscores the importance of good works. It is understandable that one might get confused. Actually, both are vital. In fact, one without the other does not result in full Christian living. At issue is how they fit together.

Paul's insistence on faith was probably a corrective for the erroneous belief that we can earn eternal happiness by our good works. This was not simply a problem with the Jewish law and practices but with the religious law and practices of many societies. Even today we find people convinced that obeying religious laws assures salvation. To this, Paul insisted that it was faith in Jesus that saved, not conformity to law. Paul never said that believers should not obey the law. Rather, he would insist that such obedience should flow from faith, not vice versa.

It seems that the people to whom today's second reading was directed took the idea of "faith alone" to an extreme. They were not committed to good works. This letter corrected that error. It states that faith without works is dead. In fact, good works demonstrate the authenticity and depth of one's faith.

The message for today should be clear. Faith and works belong together. Genuine faith manifests itself in works of love and mercy, and the works of love and mercy that flow from faith are of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... October 1 after 8:00 Mass
Basket Social..... September 11 – 12, 2021

Please Note Time Change of Daily Mass: As of Monday, August 30 our daily Mass schedule changed. Mass on Mondays and Fridays will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. Rosary will be said on Mondays and Fridays at 7:20 a.m. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary. This is to accommodate our school Sisters who live in the convent.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by wife, Ann.

Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers: We are going to send out a schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers in late September. Anyone interested in helping at Mass prior to the schedule being sent out, is asked to please see Msgr. Koons before the Mass.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Virginia Huber:** Patti, Lee, Matt and Kelli Lakatos. **In memory of John Rossi, III:** Thomas and Barbara Bandle.

New Altar Servers: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory by email - bvm1922@rcn.com or by phone 610-262-2559. Training will be held soon.

P.R.E.P. Classes Beginning Sunday, October 3.

Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1–8. If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, please complete the registration form and return it immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-8 are mandatory. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 2nd grade and Confirmation is in 8th grade. Grades 1st thru 6th meet on Sunday mornings starting October 3. Grades 7th and 8th will meet on Wednesday nights starting October 6. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.

Steak Sandwich Dinner: St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring a Drive Thru Steak Sandwich Meal on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Steaks are \$11 each and Cheese Steaks are \$12.00 each. This includes: sauce, onions, pickles and hot peppers all on the side. Orders are due by September 20. Pick up is at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to place an order, see their parish website for the order form www.sercc.org. Contact Joan 610-349-7791 or email dirreled@sercc.org. Orders can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to: Steak Sandwiches, St. Elizabeth Church, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052.

Calendar

Monday – September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Tm 2:1–8
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday – September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Nm 21:4b–9
Phil 2:6–11
Jn 3:13–17

Wednesday – September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14–16
Jn 19:25–27

Thursday – September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 4:12–16
Lk 7:36–50

Friday – September 17

Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c–12
Lk 8:1–3

Saturday – September 18

Weekday
1 Tm 6:13–16
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday – September 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37



Save Aluminum Pulltabs – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Basket Social

September 11th and 12th

Open for browsing and choosing:

Saturday, September 11, 2021—10 am—6 pm

Sunday, September 12, 2021—8 am—1 pm

***Drawings will begin at 1:30 pm on September 12th**

You do not need to be present to win!

Tickets: 25 for \$5.00 (includes admission and stubs for Baskets. Chances available on special prizes (including a flat screen tv).

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